

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to disposable diapers for 5 absorption and containment of bodily discharges. The present application is based on, and claims priority from, Japanese Application Serial Number 2002-365574, filed December 17, 2002, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.